AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1   (Currently Amended):

A suture anchor comprising:

an elongaged body having a first end and a second end, said first end being larger than said second end, and an outer surface extending between said first end and said second end;

a central axis extending between said first end and said second end; ~~and~~

an opening extending through said elongated body from a first location on said outer surface to a second location on said outer surface, said opening being located closer to said first end than said second end~~.~~; and a slot extending through said elongated body from a third location on said outer surface to a fourth location on said outer surface, said slot having a width substantially the same as a diameter of a suture, and a length at least twice the diameter of the suture, said slot being adapted to receive at least two lengths of the suture therethrough.

Claim 2   (Original): A suture anchor according to claim 1 wherein said opening extends at an acute angle to said central axis.

Claim 3   (Original): A suture anchor according to claim 2 wherein said first end extends at an acute angle to said central axis.

Claim 4   (Original): A suture anchor according to claim 3 wherein said first end extends parallel to said opening.

Claims 5-8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (New): The suture anchor in accordance with claim 1 wherein said slot is provided with a width of about 0.019-0.030 in.

Claim 10 (New): The suture anchor in accordance with claim 9 wherein said slot is provided with a width of about 0.028 in.

Claim 11 (New): The suture anchor in accordance with claim 1 wherein said slot is removed from said second end along said central axis a distance of about 0.15-0.20 in.

Claim 12 (New): The suture anchor in accordance with claim 11 wherein said slot is removed from said second end along said central axis a distance of about 0.16-0.18 in.

Claim 13 (New): The suture anchor in accordance with claim 1 wherein said slot extends through the anchor substantially perpendicular to said opening.